REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 11 and 15 to 17 have been allowed. Applicants have revised Claims 8 and 17 to better correspond to the terminology of Claim 1. The revision alters a section which was incorporated into the claims by Examiner's amendment. Applicants could therefore not have presented the amendment earlier. The revision of the claims in no instance alters the subject matter of the claims. Since the claimed subject matter has not been altered no additional search and/or examination on the merits of the claims is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Primary Examiner recommend, and the Commissioner approve, entering of the amendment without withdrawal of the application from issue.

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)

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